

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2390 – HB 2567

March 26, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015234): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Limits the existing exception to the offense of unlawful carrying or possession of a weapon to a person who carries, with the intent to go armed, a firearm, a knife with a blade length exceeding four inches, or a club. Violations are a Class A, Class B, or Class C misdemeanor. For the same offenses, extends the exception, thereby authorizing individuals without a handgun carry permit to transport an unloaded rifle or shotgun in a privately-owned motor vehicle as long as there is not a clip or magazine containing ammunition in close proximity to both the weapon and any person.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant
Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant

Decrease Local Revenue – Not Significant
Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

State Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant
State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Local Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant
Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Currently, Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1307 provides an exception to the offense of unlawful carrying or possession of a weapon if a person with a handgun carry permit is transporting an unloaded rifle or shotgun in or on a privately-owned motor vehicle.
- Authorizing an individual without a handgun carry permit to transport an unloaded rifle or shotgun may decrease convictions for that offense. Such decrease is estimated to be not significant.

- A small impact in cases in the court system, which will result in an impact to state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and an impact to state and local revenue from fees, taxes, and costs collected. The net impact on these expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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